

Amendments to the Claims

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Listing of Claims

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12. (Previously Presented) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating a treatment comprising the powder onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

13. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the skin contacting article is a sanitary article applied to the skin and comprises a surface material for directly contacting the skin, the surface material including the base layer having the natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered thereto.

14. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the skin contacting article is a make-up tool for applying make-up.

15. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder has an average particle size of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

16. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder has an average particle size of less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

17. (Previously Presented) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment including the natural organic impalpable powder, the treatment comprising the natural organic impalpable powder and at least one dispersion medium selected from the group consisting of water, an organic solvent, a resin emulsion and a resin aqueous solution, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating the treatment onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

18. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the content ratio of the

natural organic impalpable powder in the treatment is from 0.5 to 50 wt.%.

19. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the dispersion medium is either the resin emulsion or the resin aqueous solution and the solid resin content in the treatment is 0.5 to 20 wt.%.

20. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 19, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is firmly adhered to the base layer through the resin.

21. (Previously Presented) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment including the natural organic impalpable powder having an average particle size of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and either a resin emulsion or a resin aqueous solution for dispersing the natural organic impalpable powder, the content ratio of the natural organic impalpable powder in the treatment being from 0.5 to 50 wt.% and the solid resin content in the treatment being from 0.5 to 20 wt.%, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating the treatment onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

22. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the skin contacting article is a sanitary article applied to the skin and comprises a surface material for directly contacting the skin, the surface material including the base layer having the natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered thereto.

23. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the skin contacting article is a make-up tool for applying make-up.

24. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 12, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is made of a material selected from the group consisting of silk, collagen, cellulose, chitin, chitosan, wool, hemp, cotton, sponge powder and whey.

25. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 24, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of silk, collagen and whey.

26. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 24, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of chitin, chitosan and cellulose.

27. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 24, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of wool, hemp, cotton and sponge powder.

28. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is made of a material selected from the group consisting of silk, collagen, cellulose, chitin, chitosan, wool, hemp, cotton, sponge powder and whey.

29. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is made of a material selected from the group consisting of silk, collagen, cellulose, chitin, chitosan, wool, hemp, cotton, sponge powder and whey.

30. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the treatment additionally contains a surface active agent.

31. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 30, wherein the surface active agent is an ionic surface active agent or a non-ionic surface active agent.

32. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 30, wherein the surface active agent is a polyethylene oxide derivative or a sucrose fatty ester.

33. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 17, wherein the treatment additionally contains a thickening agent.

34. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 33, wherein the thickening agent is a cellulose derivative or a natural macromolecule thickening agent.

35. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 34, wherein the cellulose derivative is methyl cellulose or hydroxyethyl cellulose and the natural macromolecule thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of a gum, a pectin, soda alginate, dextrin, agar and gelatin.

36. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the treatment additionally includes a surface active agent.

37. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 36, wherein the surface active agent is an

ionic surface active agent or a non-ionic surface active agent.

38. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 36, wherein the surface active agent is a polyoxyethylene derivative or a sucrose fatty ester.

39. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 21, wherein the treatment additionally includes a thickening agent.

40. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 39, wherein the thickening agent is a cellulose derivative or a natural macromolecule thickening agent.

41. (Previously Presented) The skin contacting article according to Claim 40, wherein the cellulose derivative is methyl cellulose or hydroxyethyl cellulose and the natural macromolecule thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of a gum, a pectin, soda alginate, dextrin, agar and gelatin.

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